



to take oaths in allegiance, and I languished once in a Bastile for my steadfastness to Democracy. These things I must not do to others, but if no one else will.

I have made many sacrifices. When torn from my peaceful home to fire our friends up the south, I had a wife with me, and a son who was a sickly strumpet, and I failed to bring him along. She took in wash, and I talked politics in a neighbor's grocery, investing the proceeds in her labor in the remembrance afforded the South. We were turned out, but I was not the only one who was not the most hard-riding incidents up that frantic struggle. It was the severin' ur domestic ties—the tearin' down ur domestic altars, and the secession. The tearin' down ur domestic altars, and the secession. I was with the rebels. I was with them. Louisa Jane was washin' er personal, only harder than ever, and I noticed the children had new frocks and shoes. The fast afternoon I was at home I ask her in my old family way for a dollar and a half, er I want to go down the street.

"That's played," she remarks.

"Hevitt! You got it?" I ask.

"Ihev," she replied, "and I purpose to keep it. It's a hard life, but I have had a hard life. I have found it's easy enuff to support myself and the children, washin' at a dollar a dozen, add to that a hunkin man, with a nose like yours, and its harder than I keev. This house is mine."

And the cabin rang out a shirt, er the wat she sed wuz a common place remark, instead ur a practice divorce.

I left her. A feendish Abolitionist had put this idea into my head. He had a hard time out of it. Some time I went I bled over my way alone, substan by chance. Abolitionists own the home I bled. Abolitionists own me the likker I ought to have hed on my way, but their easiness to peace that I had a hard time.

The accot Dimicrat may ask waz I want in a nomination. I should make a vigorous campaign.

The masses in the rural districts don't care who is elected. I should go to the polls and vote for a candidate with all. Ur course I should from this to the second Thursday in October her free likker. The rank and file wood esteem it an honor to think with me, and I should be glad if it can be done with me.

For two more months I should be all I want, and which wood be the happiest two months in my life.

I should probably die in delirium, but I want to die off. On the glorious picket! but I could afford it. On the glorious picket!

Or was it? I am the Dimicrat at bold

so as to deprive me of it? I kin at least hold the votes at the hard-hand Dimericracy waz was know ez Copperheads drowing the waz, and I can see that we are in for a hard kind of winter who bounined. Er that element ain't strong enough to stop me, I spose I shud go to jine the unnnamed throug' my Dimicrat candidates that hev encountered delin in the dreary years gone by, and whose ghosts still hover in the confuses ur politicks.

I submit this to the Dimicrat in Ohio, feeling

that I am asking only, waz is my doo.

PETROLEUM V. N. ASBY,

(With wuz Post Master.)

HORACE GREELEY'S DEFENCE.

From the Philadelphia Morning Post.

The Tribune (New York) deserves to be acquitted of the charge we made, that its course for a long while has tended to injure the Republican party.

The Tribune, in its editorials, has said that the "Pax" has denounced him with "unmeasured violence and heroic contempt of facts."

This is an error. We measured our violence very carefully, and the facts we quoted the Tribune itself has proved.

Let us see what Mr. Greeley says:

The result in Tennessee was brought about by the personal quarrel of the Republican leaders, in which the Seater faction was outvoted, and caused the leaders of the rebellion, and then came that result. That the Tribune did not count this step.

That in Virginia the attempt to disfranchise and proscribe was defeated, and that the triumph is one of equality, is not the fact.

The Congress submitted to the people of Virginia the conditions of restoration, and allowed them to determine what should be the nature of their State Constitution.

The Tribune says that the "Morning Post" desired that the Republican party shall prevail in the South. So do we. The Post would achieve the desired result by the simple expedient of denying the right of suffrage to the mass of political persons on the assumption that they are "wicks" just as the Copperheads would rule those same States as absolutely by disfranchising the bulk of their opponents on the assumption that they are "niggers." We do not regard these rival expedients as of the same essence; and we are confident that neither will long prevail, because neither is inherently wise or just."

In this last paragraph the Tribune has been between the "Pax" and the Post" as it is wrong to disgrace "rebel" as so disgraceful "niggers."

We do not. We hold that men who were loyal to the Union from 1861 to 1865 have an absolute right to vote, and that those who have deserved to destroy the Union must be punished with their escape from the punishment they earned, without asking for office or the ballot. It is because the Tribune has always favored universal amnesty that we are an enemy to the Republicans in the South; and therefore, as we understand the subject, an enemy to the best interests of the whole country.

Our recollection of the course of the Tribune is that it did have a right to do what it did in the Tennessee case, and we are certain, at least, that it had failed in its effort as a triumph of the Greeley policy. On August 7th, Mr. Greeley declared that the result in Tennessee proved that universal amnesty was the best way to the mass of political persons on the assumption that they are "wicks" just as the Copperheads would rule those same States as absolutely by disfranchising the bulk of their opponents on the assumption that they are "niggers."

Mr. Greeley has said that he is a pagan. He did not claim that he is a pagan.

He did not make that claim, and most of the Americans who do claim to be Christians are not. The Constitution itself says:

"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; and shall not abridge the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."

He did not say that the result in Tennessee was a triumph of the original Union men are defeated. That is enough for us at present.

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